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Campus Edition

## Eaglin gives stamp of approval to Patton plan

### Higher education bill will be presented to legislators May 5

#### Analysis

By NICHOLE CORNETT

MSU MAGAZINE EDITOR

President Ronald Eaglin says Gov. Paul Patton's plan for extensive changes in Kentucky higher education takes on issues that have been neglected too long.

"These issues may have come up, but no one has had the political courage to approach them," says Eaglin.

Patton's "Agenda for the 21st Century: A Plan for Postsecondary Education," was presented on March 26 and has managed in little less than a month to stir up more controversy than almost any other state-related legislation in recent years.

Across the state, many people both inside

and outside the higher education framework have jumped on the governor's reform bandwagon in hopes that the proposed changes can eliminate unnecessary political influence in the current setup, and channel more money in the direction of all state universities to create a more equitable financial atmosphere.

But many others, including University of Kentucky President Charles Wethington and Kentucky House Majority Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, have been vociferous in their opposition to Patton's proposal, saying it lacks specifics on how the plan will benefit colleges and universities and on where the promised additional funding will come from.

According to the official documentation of the plan circulated by the governor's

office, the proposals center around three key elements of reform:

First, The Council on Higher Education would be replaced by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) and the Strategic Committee on Postsecondary Education (SCOPE). Membership in the CPE will be composed of 13 people who are selected by the governor, and then approved by both houses of the General Assembly. According to the plan, members of the CPE will represent no special interest, and the Council will reflect the people of Kentucky geographically, with no more than two appointees residing in any single Supreme Court judicial district.

The SCOPE will be comprised of the governor, six executive branch appointees, the speaker of the House, the president of the Senate, the majority and minority floor leaders of both houses of the General Assembly, the co-chairs of the Interim Joint Committee

on Appropriations and Revenue, and the chair and president of the CPE.

According to the plan, the CPE and SCOPE will work together to develop a strategic agenda for the future of postsecondary education in the state and a budget plan to achieve this agenda, which will be revised biennially.

Second, All Kentucky community colleges except Lexington Community College would be placed under the control of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) governing board rather than the University of Kentucky.

The state's technical schools would also be under the management of this board.

According to the plan, the KCTCS will be comprised of 11 members, where eight of whom are business, industry and other occupational employees are to be appointed by the governor for six-year, staggered terms. The remaining

three will represent faculty, non-teaching staff and students. Representatives of the community colleges and technical schools will alternate these three positions between terms.

Third, The plan provides for the creation of a strategic budget process for the higher education system that would, as the plan says, create a more equitable funding situation for all universities by making adjustments in base budgets to reflect current services and equity relative to peer institutions for fiscal year 1998.

One aspect of Patton's plan that seems to be turning most people against the proposal deals with the severing of ties between 13 of the state's 14 community colleges and the University of Kentucky.

An April 6 Bluegrass State Poll conducted by *The Courier-Journal*, showed 52 percent of 802 Kentucky adults surveyed said they oppose this move, while only 21 percent are

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## Plan approved to conserve energy

Standard building lights will be replaced with Green Lights as part of a campus energy conservation program.

By MELISSA CORNETT

EDITOR

MSU's faculty and students will soon be seeing things in a different light.

As part of a nationwide effort called Green Lights, MSU will prevent air pollution and save on operating costs by replacing the current lighting fixtures in several campus classroom buildings with new energy-efficient light sources.

April Haight, MSU Recycling Energy and Conservation Coordinator, says motion sensors and timing switches will also be installed in classrooms, mechanical rooms and janitorial closets.

Haight says MSU currently spends approximately \$11 million a year on utilities. She says installing the new light systems will save the university about \$45,668 a year.

Haight says the total cost of the project, which includes Ginger Hall, Bookkeeping Hall and Bland Music Hall, is estimated at \$127,069.

She says the project is worth the cost because the university will become more energy efficient and help the environment at the same time.

When fossil fuels are burned to generate electricity, harmful air pollutants such as carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide are released into the environment.

Haight says all of these pollutants contribute to acid rain, smog, and global climate change.

The project was funded by a grant from the Division of Energy's Institutional Conservation Program through the Department of Natural Resources.

More than 2,300 organizations have joined the Greenlights Project since its inception in 1991.

According to published reports, these organizations act collectively saving over \$240 million annually and have reduced carbon monoxide emissions to the equivalent of taking more than

334,000 cars off the road.

Haight says the biggest change students and faculty will notice is the installation of motion sensors in classrooms.

"The lights are programmed to come on when someone enters the classroom and are set to stay on for 30 minutes," Haight says. This does not mean the lights will automatically go off after each 30 minute interval, Haight says. "As long as movement is detected in the room, the lights will stay on."

She says if no movement is detected in the room, the lights will turn off after 30 minutes.

Haight says the motion sensors will be especially helpful in classroom buildings where the lights in the building remain on 24 hours a day.

"It will help save energy because there are 16 hours a day that no one is in most of those rooms,"

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## SGA election draws low voter turnout

BY TOM MUGSGRAVE

OPINION EDITOR

Erin Hagey, running unopposed, was voted in yesterday as president of MSU's Student Government Association.

Student voter turnout for yesterday's general election for SGA executive officers showed more than a 50 percent drop in voter turnout from last year's election. Just 396 (7.8 percent) of the 5,080 eligible voters turned out Tuesday to cast their ballots for SGA candidates. Last year, 694 students voted.

Outgoing SGA President Jason Newland said the low voter turnout could be attributed to some of this year's candidates campaigning less aggressively than last year's candidates.

"People aren't going to get out to

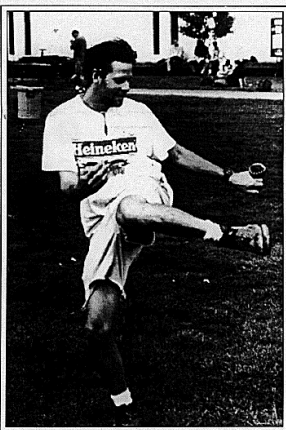
vote unless the candidates work hard and encourage them to," Newland said. "I think the majority of the candidates worked hard."

Newland said he thought some of the candidates who hadn't been in SGA before had taken the elections lightly and maybe hadn't realized what they were getting into.

By contrast, Newland said, the winning candidates, for the most part, had prior SGA experience and were active members of the body.

While campaigning might have been lighter this year, two candidates were spared the task of vote-getting. Erin Hagey and J.P. Bradley ran unopposed for the offices of President and Vice President for Finance respectively. Hagey received 336 votes while Bradley

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Senior John Fish demonstrated his backflip skills at yesterday's Earth Day celebration on the Laughlin lawn.

## Leaders convening to address East Ky. issues

The 10th annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference will be held at Morehead State University on Friday and Saturday, April 25-26. The Morehead Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and MSU are co-hosting the two-day meeting at which issues and challenges facing Eastern Kentucky will be explored.

Special awards for leadership will be presented to three individuals and two organizations whose contributions have made a difference in the region. The presentations will be made at a dinner scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Carl Perkins Community Center that will also be explored.

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Senior Don Burke voting in yesterday's SGA general election.

## 'S'Games offering entertainment, competition

BY JOHN WELLS

STAFF WRITER

MSU students who make a habit of complaining about the lack of fun activities on campus and in town will soon have something innovative and entertaining to stir their teeth into.

The "S" Games, a free event that will feature amusement rides, competitive games and live musical entertainment, is set to take place

April 28 at the Old Towne Park Family Fun Center, and will replace the annual SGA sponsored concert, according to Jason Ferris, SGA Programs Director.

Ferris says the games will feature many different activities where students can compete for prizes.

"We're using the go-carts, boats and laser tag," Ferris says, "as well as five other attractions that aren't normal features at the

park."

These include a Bouncy Boxing game, a Bungee Run, an obstacle course, an Orbital ride and a Gladiator Joust, he says.

"We're also having a go-cart competition with male and female divisions," Ferris says.

"There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place, with \$200 going to the first place winner."

Besides giving students the opportunity

to take part in various activities, Ferris says the "S" Games will offer musical entertainment as well.

"We have the band Brownie Mary, which has opened for Sheryl Crow and Hootie and the Blowfish," Ferris says.

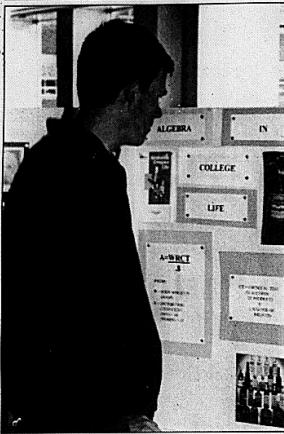
"They played here last semester, and received probably the best response of any of the musical acts we've featured on campus," he says.

Ferris says the "S" Games is an exciting new way to get students interested and involved in SGA events.

"We're trying to make the "S" Games as big as possible," Ferris says.

"We feel this is a better way to serve the students," he says. "We wanted to do something new that would be of interest to a

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MSU senior Ryan Ditch observes math exhibits Tuesday during Math Awareness Week. (Photo by Jerald Burgess)

### EAGLIN from front

in favor.

Another stumbling block appears to be a lack of clarity concerning specific parts of the plan. Many legislators, journalists, university faculty and students say, while the plan is comprehensive and courageous, it lacks the clarity necessary to fully explain crucial funding shifts that will have to occur for the plan to succeed.

Some people, particularly students and faculty, worry about loss of programs and courses, and the heavy influence of business and industry on university programs and curriculum. They say they fear the regional universities will be turned into job-training schools.

Despite the objections, President Eaglin says he agrees with Gov. Patton's plan for reform. On April 1, Eaglin and presidents of Kentucky's six other regional universities, endorsed Patton's proposals. In addition, the MSU Board of Regents and SGA President Jason Newland have also given support to the plan.

Eaglin says, although the

### Musical duo Good Enough to perform

The musical duo, "Good Enough," featuring MSU associate professor of speech John Modoff, will perform in a benefit concert for the American Red Cross and food relief in Kentucky April 24 at Good Vibrations at 8:30 p.m.

John Modoff and Dan Modoff, an assistant professor of Interpersonal Communication at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, will perform a wide array of acoustic-electric music, including standards, classics from the last four decades, and many originals.

### 'S'GAMES from front

greater number of people."

SGA Vice President of Publicity Erin Hughey says the variety of events included in the "S'Games" should draw interest from anyone in the student body.

"I think we felt this would appeal to the individual student," she says. "There are other spring

events like Greek Week that focus on a certain group of students, but we hope that this will appeal to everyone."

Hughey says the SGA will be providing shuttle rides from Alumni Hall and ADUC beginning at around 4:45 p.m. that will allow students to be taken to and from the park continuously during the event.

"We're offering students an easy and free way to have a great time,"

Hughey says. "We're providing rides, free food, events and prizes. All they have to do is show up and enjoy themselves."

Ferris says the "S'Games" will begin at 5 p.m., and Brownie Mary will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. The event is scheduled to end at 9 p.m. he says.

Ferris says the event is being

held exclusively for MSU students, so students should be sure to bring their IDs.

"We hope to see a lot of students take advantage of this," Hughey says.

"I think this is probably the most exciting thing that the SGA has done," she adds. "Everyone should come and try it out."

### Vet tech program accredited

Morehead State University's Veterinary Technology Program's full accreditation status has been extended through December 31, 1999.

Certification approval was granted by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA) following a review of MSU's program. Notification came earlier this month from Dr. Donald G. Simmons, director of the Education and Research Division of the

American Veterinary Medical Association.

"Accreditation is important to our program as it demonstrates that it meets or exceeds the high standards demanded by veterinarians practicing in the profession," said Dr. Scott Randall, interim coordinator of MSU's program.

MSU's associate degree vet tech program has maintained full accreditation since its inception in 1997.

### Chinese educators to visit campus

The Caudill College of Humanities will serve as host to 11 administrators from four Chinese universities and one agency April 24-28.

During the visit, several MSU faculty will present programs, research and creative proposals to the Chinese dignitaries.

Among the activities, research and culture proposals scheduled for review are Sports Administration, Nutrition Seminar by Drs. Brenda

Malauskas and Reginald Owen, Content Four of China by Drs. Ricky Little and Paul Taylor, Drug Rehabilitation program by Yan Duan, Small Business Practices by Dr. Wilson Grier, and a Seminar in Economic Education for Grades K-12 by Janet Ratliff. A total of 16 proposals are scheduled for review. Ma Zhi Jun, Internal Labor and Technical Cooperation director is scheduled to meet with MSU faculty and administrators.

by motivating these students to pursue their education here and at other regional universities.

"I think students are better off to come here anyway," he says. "I feel we do a better job with them as undergraduates."

According to published reports, Gov. Patton's reform bill will be completed this week and will be presented to the Kentucky General Assembly in Special Session May 5. If the bill passes, the first two elections are scheduled for July 1, and the money-adjustments will be incorporated for the 1998 fiscal year.

### ELECTION from front

received 330.

In the contested SGA races, winners were Dustin Wallen, executive vice president; Michelle Francis, vice president for administration; Brandon Fraley, vice president for publicity and Carrie Herlinger, vice president for programming.

The SGA officers-elect will be sworn in May 8. Hughey will be sworn in as the student regent in September, but will attend her first MSU Board of Regents meeting July 1.

### ENERGY from front

and now the lights will be going off instead of staying on all that time," she says.

The current flood light fixtures that burn 75 to 200 watts of electricity, will be replaced with 21-watt compact fluorescent lamps.

The exit signs, which currently use 40 watts, will be replaced by 2-watt lighting systems.

Hugh says the new lighting system has a life expectancy of 50 to 80 years.

She says timer switches, outdoor light sensors, hot water tank installation jackets, and weather-stripping will also be utilized to create a more energy efficient building.

Work on the project began April 1 and is expected to be completed by June 30.

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## EDITORIALS

### It's a good IDEA to take surveys seriously

In the continuing debate over issues surrounding tenure for faculty and instructor accountability, students seem to get lost in the shuffle.

However, there is an outlet for student opinion regarding the quality of instruction they receive from MSU faculty, tenured and non-tenured. The IDEA forms are distributed each semester for students to grade their professors and the quality of the instruction they feel they are receiving from those educators. The problem is, many students don't take that opportunity seriously, which is unfair to good instructors and prevents improvements in bad instruction.

In order to speed the process of completing the IDEA forms, many students admit to filling in all the spaces that are favorable to an instructor being evaluated, or if they have a grudge, filling in all the unfavorable responses. Whether or not the instructor merits either an all-good or all-bad evaluation becomes immaterial next to the temptation to rush through the forms in order to get out of class early.

Having the opportunity to fill out the IDEA forms is a student right. Taking the time to fill out the forms honestly and completely and giving an accurate depiction of professors' strengths and weaknesses is a student responsibility.

Failing in that responsibility creates negative consequences in two areas. First, faculty are financially and professionally punished or rewarded based on faulty results. Second, skewed evaluations deprive administrators of a valuable tool in monitoring instruction and working toward providing MSU students with the best possible educational opportunities.

T.M.

### NEA aids in forming cultural identity

Last week Newt Gingrich, in an attempt to mollify hard-line conservatives, recommended himself to one of the primary goals of the Republican Revolution: Elimination of the National Endowment of the Arts.

When discussions come up on cutting off funding for the NEA, the usual argument involves the possible use of taxpayer dollars to fund works of art, in whatever genre, that some people find offensive.

The myth that the NEA supports anti-family and immoral artwork is just that—a myth. Last month the NEA gave \$461,000 to the Kentucky Arts Council. Letcher County's Appalachia received \$50,000 for a cultural outreach program geared toward bringing the arts to people who have no access to them.

Contrary to what the GOP believes about the NEA, America, now more than ever, needs a federally funded organization to proliferate the idea that America can be a cultural mecca.

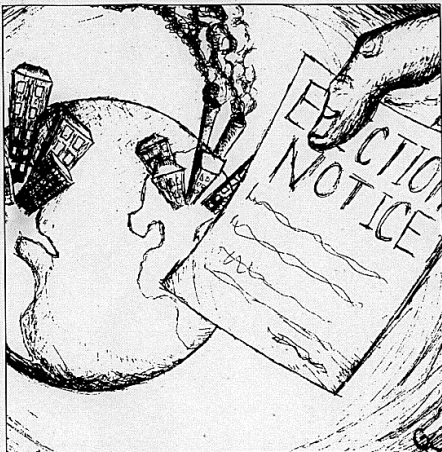
Now, Gingrich and his Republican cronies are slowly seeing to it that the next time the NEA goes to the well, it will be completely dry.

President Clinton has requested a 37 percent increase to NEA funding in his budget, which would bolster funding from the current \$99.4 million to \$136 million. That budget increase, while significant, would not come close to the \$176 million a year the NEA enjoyed prior to Gingrich's rise to the Speakership.

Under this progressive starving of the NEA, America will fall even further behind other major international cultural centers. According to a recent article in the *Lexington Herald-Leader*, American arts funding, currently at \$3.30 per capita, already trails way behind Germany (\$39.40 per capita), Canada (\$28.50 per capita) and Great Britain (\$16.10 per capita).

The arts do more than provide enrichment here and now. They capture and record the essence of American culture from which future generations may learn. America must not allow the arts to die just to satisfy a few narrow minded politicians.

T.M.



### 'I'm scarred for life—again!'

A traumatic thing happened to me the other day in hand rehearsal. The whisper key system fell off my bassoon.

The whole darned thing just fell right off onto the floor and made a



TOM MUSGRAVE  
CLUBBIST  
"Break After Hours"

The whole scene was utterly embarrassing. On an embarrassment scale I'd say it was more embarrassing than tripping on a crack in the sidewalk, but not quite so embarrassing, as, say, Milli Vanilli.

Now, I know most people don't

know what a bassoon is, much less what a whisper key system is. For our purposes, let's just say the bassoon is a fating bedpost and that without the whisper key system, you're pretty much left with a five foot hollow piece of wood with holes drilled in it.

For those of you who are clueless up to this point, let's first compare my embarrassing moment from my childhood to an extra charge.

When I was much younger, there were two things I loved doing: playing guns and riding my bike. One afternoon I was invited to one of a friend's house for a rousing game of "Let's Make Gun Noises at Each Other and Claim to be Invincible."

His house was about seven or eight houses down from mine, so naturally I couldn't walk. Before I got into the actual trip from my house to my friend's house, I should say that I don't know what possessed me to hang the toy rifle from my handbars by the loosely knotted shoelace. I don't even

know why I thought it would be a good idea. I just know that I will never do it again.

I started out from my driveway and down the sidewalk. I actually got about four or five houses down before the aforementioned, loosely knotted shoelace came untied and the toy rifle, instead of falling directly down, as the laws of physics dictate (I looked them up), fell directly into the spokes of the front wheel of my bike.

At this point, the laws of physics decided to enforce themselves, especially the parts about objects in motion staying in motion and objects at rest staying at rest. Of course the change in status of these hypothetical objects depends on the exertion of an outside force on them, like a toy rifle falling into the front wheel spokes of a bike. Read the following synopsis. There will be a quiz later.

Moving object BIKE is carrying moving object TOM and is acted upon by outside force RIFLE IN. See AGAIN, page 7

### Letters to the Editor

#### 'God is Love' says writer

In response to the campus visit by "Brother Jed Smuck," I would like to say this:

God Is Love. There is a difference in being brave for Christ and using wisdom. Screaming and name-calling only drives people away. Besides, there's no need to worry about cleaning a fish before it's caught.

We cannot make anyone serve God. It must be done willingly from the heart or else it's totally vain. Please, reach out to people with love and compassion. There is too much hate already. People are like sheep. They need to be led, not driven.

BETTY SUE HURLEY  
MOREHEAD

#### Math article compelling

I am a calculus student here at MSU and just finished reading and reacting to R.M. Winger's article "Mathematical Objectives" for a class assignment. This letter is my reaction to what I found to be some very compelling arguments for the study of mathematics. The article can be found and Camden-Carroll on reserve.

The question that Winger is trying to answer is one that is asked by many students. What is the reason

for learning mathematics? Many students doubt, from my experiences, that they should have to learn mathematics because it seems like such a waste of time to them. Students rarely do not know why mathematics has any role in what they need to know beyond the basic fundamentals of math.

I too wondered these same things. These questions usually come about as the mathematics become harder and the student struggles with the ideas. If it was not a challenge, they would have no complaints. The challenge is not for. See LETTERS, page 7

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#### CAMPUS COMMENT



Brad Stillner  
Sophomore, Special Ed.  
"If I were in the fraternity, I would feel that it should be a freedom of choice."



Erika Harris  
Freshman, Undeclared  
"I think it's a good thing: the fraternities are sending out the message for college students. They are setting a good example."



Heather Cozart  
Senior, Ad P. II  
"I think it's a good idea. Fraternities are supposed to perform community service. Why does alcohol have to play a part?"



Joel Chaffin  
Freshman, Comm.  
"It seems like a good idea, but I could hurt more than help... People would get drunk before they go to parties."



Michelle Marie  
Sophomore, W. Tech.  
"It's ironic that fraternity members won't be affected by the ban because if it was implemented until the year 2000..."

#### What do you think of the two fraternities that recently voted to ban alcohol in their houses?



# CAMPUS LIFE

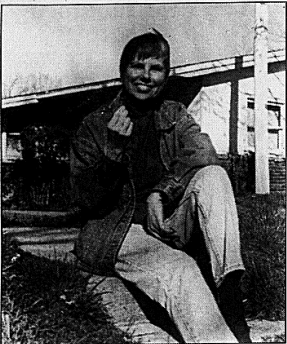
## Professor brings writing skills into 'Focus' on radio

BY SCOTT CARPENTER  
STAFF WRITER

After years of being an author, painter, radio commentator and teacher, MSU professor Lynne Tactsch's life is taking on a new

focus.

Tactsch, Carol Mauriello and John Allston, MSU English professors, have developed a new radio program called "Focus on Writing."



Author, painter, commentator and teacher Lynne Tactsch will co-host a new radio program on WMKY called "Focus on Writing." (Photo by Melissa Markwell)

Tactsch says the show will feature interviews and readings by guest authors, book reviews and discussion on the writing process and teaching writing.

Tactsch, who has been making bimonthly commentaries on WMKY public radio since 1996, will act as host for the show.

Tactsch says the show is expected to begin airing on April 26 at 6 p.m.

She says for its premiere, "Focus on Writing" will feature poet Ann Weisman who is known for performing her poetry.

While Tactsch prefers to focus her energy on writing, her colleagues say the inspiration Tactsch offers her students is special.

"She is very rare," says George Iskand, Tactsch's creative writing colleague.

Iskand says, "Lynne is special to have on the faculty. She is both an author and a painter. She uses her talents to empower her teaching. I really admire her."

He says students get to be in contact with a great talent when enrolled in one of Tactsch's courses.

"Lynne is very caring, about both students and the faculty," Iskand says.

"She is someone who has such a colorful and dynamic life that she brings street and world wisdom to this campus."

Tactsch, an East Orange, New Jersey native, received her B.A. in English from Rutgers University,

and her M.A. from San Diego State University.

Around 1974 I had my first book published. It was *How to Start Your Own Craft Business*, a book that I was in the leather crafting business and saw that writing was a better career."

Since this first attempt, Tactsch has published nine books in the "how to" field.

She says her writing was put on hold for a while when she went to work as an editor and writer for Economics Press in New Jersey.

After this Tactsch started her own publishing company, Information Plus. She says the only problem was that her passion for creative writing was calling her.

Her most recent publication was *Hot Flasher*, a collection of essays and poetry by women writers for which she served as editor and a contributor.

Tactsch's other works have appeared in *Minding the Body*, *The Women's Newspaper*, *Tropic Review*, *Arts and Letters* and *Chronicle Review*.

Tactsch is currently working on a collection of short stories and looking for a publisher.

Tactsch is also an accomplished painter whose works have been exhibited in the United States and abroad, including at the Olympics in South Korea. She has also been shown in California, New York, New Jersey, Washington and Florida.

"When I went to Cooper Union Art School in New York, I fell in

love with the abstract expressionist style," said Tactsch. "Whenever I get the chance I still paint. I put on some loud music, like jazz, and paint. It is the attitude to writing and intellectual activity."

Before Tactsch came to MSU, she worked at Blue Cross Blue Shield teaching disadvantaged women in New Jersey to get jobs. "I found this to be the most

rewarding job I have had," said Tactsch. "I loved changing lives for the better."

Tactsch brought this dedication to MSU, where she is involved in the Women's Studies Program.

"Women's Studies have always been important," said Tactsch. "I hope the program keeps expanding and adding more courses from all of the disciplines on campus."

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## Historian says state history neglected in schools

BY ANTHONY DAVID BURNS  
STAFF WRITER

The culmination of a week long Greek sponsored competitive activities known as "Greek Week" ended Sunday night with the fifth annual Greek Awards banquet.

The Greek Awards banquet was sponsored by the executive councils of the Interfraternity Council (IFC), the Panhellenic Council (NPC) and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The master of ceremonies for the evening were president of IFC Gerald Stone and president of NPC Serban Black.

The keynote speaker for the banquet was Mark E. Timmes, CEO of Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity and liaison between the Fraternity Executive Association and the Southeastern Interfraternity Council.

Timmes spoke on Greek stereotypes the entire Greek community has to overcome. He mentioned CHUCK (Committee to Halt Useless College Killings), publicity against hazing and the non substance-free fraternity housing.

"I'm not here to talk about bad news," Timmes said. "The purpose of the Greek Awards banquet is to recognize the best and the brightest."

Timmes said Greeks need to take the "opportunity and ownership" of the Greek experience.

"If we (Greeks) take the opportunity and ownership of our lives, we determine what will be written about us in the future."

Also attending the banquet was MSU President Ronald Egelin. Egelin presented two special academic recognition awards to Chi Omega and Delta Gamma for having grade point averages higher than the campus severity GPA for the last ten semesters.

John Mark Fannin and Shawn Bradley of Pi Kappa Phi received the honor plaque award for having an accumulative 4.0 GPA with senior status.

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity (IFC), Delta Gamma (NPC) and Zeta Phi Beta sorority (NPHC), received highest GPA honors for

Spring 1996.

Delta Chi fraternity (IFC), Delta Gamma (NPC) and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (NPHC) received highest GPA award for Fall 1996.

Delta Zeta (NPC), Sigma Nu (IFC) and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity (NPHC) had the most improved GPA for Spring 1996.

Delta Gamma (NPC), Pi Kappa Phi fraternity (IFC), and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity (NPHC) had the highest GPA for Fall 1996.

Mary Jo Netherton, received top adviser of the year award and Dr. Donald Platt received professor of the year award from the NPC.

The annual community service award went to Pi Kappa Phi fraternity for No Boundaries and Give a PUSH. They also received the award for the most improved chapter of the year.

Chi Omega won Campus Wide Program and Activity award for "Eating Disorders Awareness Week."

Lori Tzop of Gamma Phi Sorority won the Sisterhood of the Year Award. John Paul Bradley of

Sigma Phi Epsilon won the Brotherhood of the Year Award.

Scarlet Johnson received Greek Woman of the Year.

Johnson, a Kappa Delta member and captain of MSU's dance team serves on the staff of News Center 12.

Molly Caldwell of Delta Gamma was Woman of the Year runner up.

Jason C. Newland received the top honors for Greek Man of the Year.

Newland is president of SGA, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and president of the Order of Omega.

Judges indicated in close competition, Newland edged out president of IFC Gerald Stone a member of Pi Kappa Phi, and president of NPHC Anthony Burns of Phi Beta Sigma. Both tied for runner-up.

Other recognitions went to Rho Lambda inductees, Gamma Sigma Alpha inductees, Order of Omega inductees, Rho Chi members, the 44 Who's Who students and a special presentation to Clyde Jones for his work with Order of Omega.

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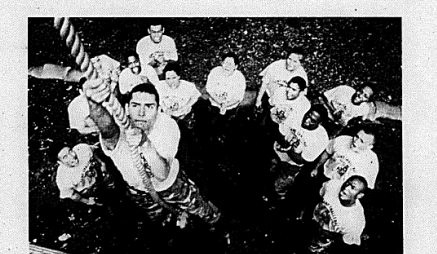
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# Life incomplete without creative outlet, author says

BY SHANNON COLLINS  
STAFF WRITER

As a small child Mary Ann always had a graphic picture in her mind of transforming all the scraps of paper her aunt would bring home from the kindery into pages filled with words.

"It is true what they say, 'to be careful what you wish for because it just may come true,'" says novelist Mary Ann Taylor Hall of her chosen career.

Hall delighted an audience last Thursday night as she read animated excerpts from her latest novel *Come And Go Molly Snow*.

Hall says the novel is about a Kentucky woman grieving the loss of her child, and playing fiddle in an all male Bluegrass band.

"It is a mystery to me how this book got written. I woke up one morning and thought about writing a story," Hall told listeners.

"I knew it was a story about a scared woman who was grieving, living with two older women, but I had no idea what the problem was. The rest was revealed to me gradually."

Hall says she tries devote scheduled times to her writing and says she gets behind at times and



Novelist Mary Ann Taylor Hall's latest novel deals with a Kentucky woman coming to terms with the loss of a child by playing fiddle with a bluegrass band.

has to take days where she does nothing but write.

"Maybe that's the best way to write a novel," Hall says. "To be

hunted into it kicking and screaming, saying 'It's not a novel!'"

Hall says no matter how much

she procrastinates, she feels her life would not be complete without the creative outlet she finds in her writing.

"I find that I get depressed when I don't write," Hall says. "It's a sickness."

She says she seriously became a writer when she ran away from every aspect of what she calls "my other life."

"I came to Kentucky and lived on \$3 thousand a year in a tar paper shack owned by some friends," Hall says. "It really was the beginning of my life, an empowering experience."

"I would do my writing before the rest of the day came in to grab me."

Hall contends that the creation of her latest novel is a mystery.

"I basically came in the back door with this story," she says. "I knew I would need relief from the grief in the novel so I decided that the sounds of music would help."

Hall says she enjoys the sound of the fiddle and says it seems to come out of the landscape in *Come And Go Molly Snow*.

"Music was the informed language of the book. It was an energy outside of the book, used to carry me forward."

Hall says she had a lot to learn

before I could implement Bluegrass music into the novel. She says she researched the Appalachian art form by attending Bluegrass music festivals, reading *Bluegrass Unlimited* and going to talks on Bluegrass.

"I do not know why I chose Bluegrass music," Hall says. "Except that I like it and it always stops me in my tracks."

Hall says since writing the book, she has made several Bluegrass musician friends.

"The best compliment I have ever gotten was when one of the musicians asked me what band I played for," she says.

"I knew my book was real then, because I have only held one fiddle in my life and it wasn't even a bluegrass fiddle."

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## Greeks honored at awards ceremony

BY JOHN WELLS IV  
STAFF WRITER

"Kentucky students may be missing out on the rich history the state has to offer," says Dr. James Klotter, Executive Director of the Kentucky Historical Society.

Klotter told two history of Kentucky classes yesterday that although the study of US and world history is very important, Kentucky history is often overlooked in classrooms.

Klotter, who has served as Executive Director of the society since 1991, is a very good source for information on Kentucky history.

Klotter says he has either edited or authored at least 11 books on the subject.

In his first presentation Klotter told the interesting story of William Goebel.

Klotter says Goebel was the only governor in the history of Kentucky to be assassinated.

"It is a very intriguing story," Klotter says. "There were actually two men, Goebel and another, who claimed to be governor."

"Each had his own army," Klotter says, "and were actually facing each other in the streets of Frankfort. One stray bullet and we could of had a civil war on our

hands."

Goebel was shot the day before he was declared governor by the legislature, and died three days afterwards, says Klotter.

In a second presentation, Klotter focused on interesting personalities that have arisen in 20th century Kentucky, from politicians whose political stances have cost them their lives, to coal miners and the sacrifices many had to make.

Klotter says the study of history should be very important to students, and that students need to be exposed to more Kentucky history in particular.

"History gives us a perspective

on ourselves and on events that helps us deal with the world we're in," Klotter says. "We are in a time of rapid change, as were our ancestors at the beginning of this century. It helps to look at how they dealt with these changes."

Klotter, who was on hand following the presentations to sign his latest book, *A New History of Kentucky*, received his Ph.D. in history from UK.

He says he has been involved with the Kentucky Historical Society since graduate school. He is also the official State Historian and the president of the Kentucky Civil War Round Table.

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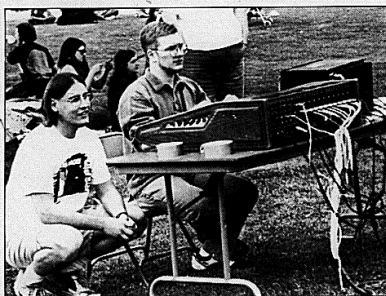
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MSU sophomore Matt Burger, left and junior Tom McCoy take charge of the sound situation during the Earth Day events. Several bands performed during the afternoon and evening festivities.



Freshman Eric Collins and Emily Flippin soaked in the sun and fun with their dog Dudley Do-right.



## Earth Day Celebrating

Photos by Jerad Burgess

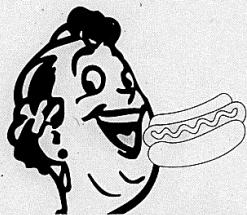


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## LEADERS from front

feature comments from Gov. Paul Patton and a keynote speech by noted Kentucky author, Wendell Berry.

State Rep. Greg Stumbo will receive the Public Individual Award, while Dr. Mary Fox of Millie is the recipient of the Private Individual Award. Frontier Housing will receive the Organization Award for serving the human needs of the region and Tom Carew of Morehead will accept.

Dr. Howard Morehead will go to banjo player Lee Sexton Ulvash. The Kentucky Explorer magazine, which is published in Jackson, is the recipient of the Media Award. Editor Charles Hayes will accept the award.

The conference will officially open at noon on Friday with registration and discussion groups in Baird Music Hall, while the Appalachian Advisory Committee will hold its annual meeting

beginning at 9:30 a.m. with a general session in Duncan Recital Hall, followed by individual committee meetings.

At 1 p.m., "early bird" discussion groups will be conducted.

Following the reception and dinner, WYMT-TV will film an on-site "Issues and Answers" program with the awards presentation ending the evening.

On Saturday, the conference returns to Baird Music Hall for registration at 8 a.m. and the general session at 9 a.m. Proceeding

will be George Fletcher, conference program chair, and Morehead Mayor Brad Collins, Rowan County Judge Executive Clyde Thomas and MSU President Ronald G. Englin will welcome participants.

Concurrent sessions will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with conference-goers able to attend three sessions. Also scheduled during that three-hour period is an intensive session, Reforming Higher Education: Life Long Learning, which will be led by Hazard Community College President Ed Hughes.

Now in its 10th year, the conference is designed to bring the region's leadership together to discuss issues impacting Eastern Kentucky and develop common goals, according to Shirley Hamilton, MSU's director of community development and conference chair.

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Was I hurt? You bet. Was it embarrassing? Uh-huh. Am I stuck for a clever way to end this? Bingo.

## LETTERS, from page 3

Winger's answer is intriguing and the conclusion of the article is the strongest part of the writing. Winger writes that "the study of mathematics fosters careful, accurate, sustained thinking, stimulating the whole thinking self." He goes on to write, "It strengthens the reason, develops the power of generalization, cultivates the imagination and brings one face to face with chaos but makes sense."

These statements in his conclusion are logical answers to the question at hand. It should be obvious to everyone who has studied mathematics what role it has in developing thinking, yet still, some doubt it has a role in the curriculum.

Winger also does a good job of using the example of how mathematics plays a part in all jobs—from life insurance to journalism. I give him credit. It is hard to answer the question of "why study mathematics?". His answer is as good as any I have listened to or read. Teachers I have had in the past struggled to answer the question as the students pose the never ending question, "Why?"

The conclusion should be memorized by math professors, as it would come into play very nicely the next time they are asked "Why?". It would be interesting to hear the response. Winger does a fine job in defending his profession while promoting it at the same time. Anyone who doubts the role mathematics has should read this essay. The explanation of the objective of mathematics in education does his profession well.

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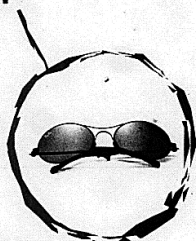
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# SPORTS

## MSU basketball signs three top in-state prospects

BY TRES DEAN  
STAFF WRITER

The future of the MSU Men's basketball program is beginning to take shape.

New head coach Kyle Macy has been busy on the recruiting trail and has picked up some of the state's top high school talent.

Aaron Knight, a 6 foot 5 inch swing man at Louisville Ballard High School inked a letter of intent with the Eagles earlier this week, becoming the first signee since Macy took over the program.

Despite missing seven games with a cracked hip, Knight averaged 15 points and six rebounds as a senior at Ballard.

According to his high school coach, Jeff Morrow, Knight has completely recovered from his hip injury and has passed his ACT, making him academically eligible to play at a freshman at MSU.

Knight led the Bruins in three-point shooting and free throw percentage last season.

Macy also signed Thomas

Jenkins, a 6 foot 4 inch 185-pound guard-forward who earned All-State honors in Kentucky last season.

Thomas comes to MSU from Allen Central High School where he averaged 24.3 points and 10.8 rebounds a game his senior year.

Macy said signing Jenkins was a

key in the recruiting of the Eastern Kentucky area.

"We feel that Thomas was the best player coming out of Eastern Kentucky," Macy said. "His signing solidifies our commitment to recruiting Eastern Kentucky."

The latest signee was Jonathan Beasley from Anderson County High School.

Beasley is a 6 foot 7 inch 220-pound forward who was also an All-State last season.

Beasley averaged 25 points and 8 rebounds a game his senior year.

He also led Anderson County to the "Sweet Sixteen" for the first time in 23 years.

Macy said Beasley's versatility makes him a valuable recruit.

"Jonathan is one of the top prospects in the state," Macy said. "His ability to handle the ball and shoot outside, plus the ability to post up smaller players inside demonstrates his versatility."

Macy and his staff are still on the recruiting trail and are expecting more signees in the near future.



MSU senior infielder Doug McGuire rips a single in the Eagles 12-11 win over Marshall on Thursday. Photo by (Loral Burgess)

## MSU uses longball to win three of five

BY CASEY TAYLOR  
SPORTS EDITOR

The MSU baseball team has won three out of its last five games.

The Eagles defeated non-conference opponents Louisville and Marshall then won one game of a three game series with OVC foe Eastern Illinois over the weekend.

MSU used a four run fifth inning to blow past Louisville last Wednesday.

Brian Milam delivered the big hit for the Eagles in the inning when he smacked a three run dinger to help MSU erase an early 2-1 U of L lead.

MSU went on to win the game. S-C, Josh Cox and Todd Barker each had two hits to lead the Eagles 10th attack.

Matt Martinez improved his record to a perfect 3-0 on the season. Martinez won five innings allowing two runs on five hits and fanning three.

Patrick Carlton pitched the final one and one thirds innings to earn the save.

MSU continued their winning ways on Thursday by defeating Marshall in a slugfest 12-11.

The Eagles scored four runs in the first and seventh innings and two in the second and sixth.

MSU had 13 hits in the game led by Harold Craft, Milam, and Chris Wright with two hits apiece.

Wright drove in three runs to

lead the team; Milam, Frank VanDyke, and Sean Jantzen each drove in two.

Wright and Jantzen each hit a homer for the Eagles.

Derek Prather picked up his first win of the season in the game and Rodney Wilks earned his first save.

MSU got back into conference play on Saturday with a three game series at Eastern Illinois.

With the game tied at six MSU exploded for four runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull out the win in game one.

Craft again led the Eagles hitting attack with three hits and two RBIs. Craft also homered in the game.

Troy Young pitched six innings giving up six runs on 12 hits en route to his fifth win.

Martinez came on to pitch a scoreless seventh to pick up the save.

MSU had its win streak snapped in the second game on Saturday when EIU squeaked out a 5-4 win.

The Eagles rallied from a 3-2 deficit in the seventh inning to take a brief 4-3 lead but was unable to hold on as EIU responded with two runs of their own to win the ballgame.

Milam led the Eagles at the plate with two hits including a solo homer.

Doug McGuire hit a two run homerun for MSU and Jason Becker added a solo shot.

Carlton took the loss on the mound. Carlton went the distance allowing five runs, three earned, on six hits. Carlton walked nine batters in the game.

MSU dropped another close game in the series finale 8-7.

EIU won the game with a run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Cox led MSU in hitting with four hits and three RBIs.

Prather was the loser for MSU giving up one run on one hit in one and one thirds innings.

The Eagles are now 19-24 on the year and 6-9 in OVC play.

## Softballers go 2-6 at UT tournament

BY CASEY TAYLOR  
SPORTS EDITOR

The MSU softball team traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee this weekend where they played six games in three days in a Tournament hosted by the University of Tennessee.

The Lady Eagles only managed two wins in the tournament.

MSU gained wins over UNC Greensboro and Eastern Kentucky.

MSU defeated UNC Greensboro 4-3 on Saturday by scoring two runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Jennifer Moffitt and Angie Roush led the Lady Eagles with two hits apiece.

Roush, Cheri Venturino, Stephanie Graham, and Shannon Bender each drove in one.

All but three of the MSU hitters had at least one hit in the game.

Susan Pope was the winning pitcher for MSU. Pope pitched all

seven innings allowing three runs on six hits while striking out one.

MSU defeated ECU 7-0 thanks to a strong pitching performance by Venturino.

Venturino pitched seven shutout innings and only gave up one hit. Venturino struck out one batter and did not allow a walk in the game.

Venturino also helped her own cause at the plate driving in two runs.

Angie Brooker also had two RBIs in the game. Brooker had two hits to pace the Eagles nine hit attack.

MSU sent 10 different hitters to the plate and eight of them came away with at least one hit.

The Lady Eagles suffered losses at the hands of Jacksonville State, South Florida, Tennessee, and UNC Greensboro.

MSU is now 15-28 on the year heading into their final two weeks of regular season play.

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